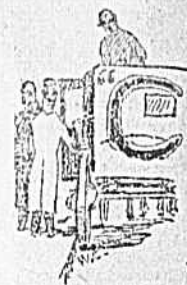


"HAVE A CAB, SIR?"

How the Many Drivers of Carriages and Cabs Live.

STAND IN FRONT OF THE M'LUKE.

The Line Often Reaches Down to the Alley Below—Who Patronize the City Jehus—The Queer Cases Met With in a Cabman's Career—Some Reminiscences of the Drivers Who Take You Home—The Uses and Abuses of the Cab and Carriage—If You Have Been There You Will Recognize the Pictures.



AB, sir, cab, sir!" It is only of late years that this cry has become familiar to the ears of Wheeling people. Three years ago, yes, even two, if a person had told you that every night until far into the morning hours, from twelve to fifteen cabs would be standing on Market street in front of the McLure House, you would not have believed him, yet to such a complexion has it come at last; for every night, winter and summer, you can see that long drawn out line of cabs and carriages there.

Seven or eight years ago a livery firm had one carriage standing in front of the McLure House, but there did not seem to be enough business for it to pay for the feed of the horses. The cause of the failure of the first venture in this line may be attributed to the excessive charges made for the conveyance.

THE GURNEY.

Then came the Gurney system. At first only two of these two-wheeled vehicles were used, but they soon built up a trade, or rather caused such a demand for this mode of travel to distant parts of the city, that two more were added, and they did a thriving business. The success of the Gurney cabs was due in the main to the cheap fares charged. For twenty-five cents you could be driven to any part of the city at any hour of the day or night. This caused some of the livery stables to go into the business, placing hacks and carriages at the disposal of the public for the same price charged by the Gurneys. Thus it is the business has grown, until the present time, when as many as fifteen vehicles may be seen lining the east side of Market street any evening after supper. And they all pay, too.

SOME DRIVERS' EXPERIENCES.

The INTELLIGENCER reporter had a conversation with one of the "night hawks," that is, they who drive cabs, the other evening, in the course of which he asked him how he liked the business.

"Well," said the city Jehu, "you may think I am not sincere when I say I like it. I didn't at first, for some of the nights were bitter cold, and is no small matter to drive against a biting north wind in frosty weather, no matter how warmly you are clad. However, it is a life that anyone of a Bohemian tincture in his nature will enjoy after he gets used to it."

"Do you have much trouble with your early morning passengers—that is, those who are loaded?" asked the reporter.

"Not often. You know when a man asks for a cab to take him home he is very near 'dead on his feet,' and when I get one of that class inside he generally knows nothing until I pull him at his destination and dump him."



"Do you have many of this spirit of 'frankness'?"

"Well, rather," answered "Cabby," with a significant drawl, "and if I mentioned their names you wouldn't find them in the directory or in the telephone pamphlet for some time—they would skip. But, of course, I won't give them away, as they are harmless, good pay and good customers."

THE MAN FROM BITTER CREEK. "You, naturally in your business, meet with some very unruly characters. How do you handle them?"

"I don't handle them; I let them float around until they are drowning and then I rescue them, not from a watery grave, but from the police. I have had many passengers of this kind. There is the man who gets quietly drunk, knows he's drunk, and wants to get home and is very tractable, but deliver me from the man who gets drunk and ugly. He is hard to handle and dangerous to drop. I was called one night to a prominent saloon to take a 'stiff' out. He was a pretty prominent man, and he wasn't stiff by a good deal when I got there. After some trouble I got him into my hack and immediately he yelled, 'I'm on fire, somebody put me out.' Before I could get on the box and drive off, the bar-keeper, who heard the loud remark, came out with a siphon, seltzer bottle and let him have it. Square in the neck? No, all around the neck, and in his eyes, too. The conflagration was speedily extinguished, and I hauled him to his wife—and a certain curtain lecture.

HIS HEAD IN THE MORNING. Perhaps in the morning he may have been pictured in poetical lines as follows, which were suggested by the office cat:

Next morning in his easy chair
All bent with woe he sat.
He sighed, and smoothed his ruffled hair,
"Where did I get this hat?"

But there are sides to the cab driver's life that are pleasant to him. He always delights to get a 'flush crowd' and ride them over town. He gets all he wants to drink, and only has to stop when he can't see the off horse, and knows he holds two lines instead of

four. In the course of these happy-go-lucky experiences cabby has considerable fun at the expense of his guests, so to speak. One of them told the INTELLIGENCER man of a very funny time he had two summers ago. "I was driving a Gurney at the time," said he, "and I was suddenly halted one night on a prominent thoroughfare by a well-known sport who asked me what I would take for the cab for the night. I fixed the price, he immediately paid it,



and told me to drive to a certain saloon. There a crowd of 'his set' waited him, and before I knew it five men were inside, three had clambered to the roof, and the man who hired the cab was sitting beside me on the box, saying 'drive us around town and make as big a show of us as you can.' Well I did so, and if it hadn't been so late in the night the people who keep decent hours would have seen a sight that might have curdled their blood. How did the horse pull the load? Well he was big and bony and knew his business and seemed to enjoy his haul."

STILL ANOTHER FUNNY BREAK.

This time the story is on the cab driver who was frozen out. It was told to the INTELLIGENCER man for a solemn fact. It was a bitter cold night and the cabman had been indulging his thirst to a considerable extent, and was in common parlance "pretty weary." He entered a saloon where a lot of all-nighters were always to be found, and remarked that he would take the crowd out riding if they would set up the drinks. Four of the party agreed. He took them. First they went to the extreme south end of the city, and then to the north; then around the hill. The crowd was at this time as well tanked as the driver, and they suggested that he drive to Water street. After several guzzles at a saloon on that street one of the party said, drive to the wharf-boat. The driver obeyed, and in rounding back, after the frantic cries of the inmates of the hack that they had no business there whatever and were mistaken in their cases, he came near dumping the entire load into the river. Then they had him drive them into north Wheeling again where the driver, nearly frozen, gave up, and said he had had enough fun for one night without pay.

HOW THEY ARE PAID.

Many wonder how it is that so many cabs can be supported in a city the size of Wheeling. Some of the drivers work



on commission, and others are paid a regular salary. If a driver is civil, and takes pains to please his customer, he will not only get him again when he has need of a cab, but frequently gets a tip outside of his regular fee for the "good care" he has taken of his passenger. Many of the cab drivers make from \$4 to \$5 a night, and a few popular ones as high as \$10 and over—according to the "exigencies of the occasion."

WHEN THEY ARE HANDY.

The establishment of the cab line is of great comfort not only to all night



workers, but those merchants, who wearied and half-sick with the day's toil can summon one of them and ride

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THE BEST.

home through a hard summer rain, or the blasts of a winter snow storm. It is much easier to step out of a store door and be driven to your residence than to tackle the uncertainties of the street car.

You are coupled up comfortably in these carriages and cabs, and know nothing of the sufferings of the driver on top. He is honest. You pay your quarter, and he lands you at your door as clean and as dry as when you left your place of business. You are glad; he is drenched. But he doesn't mind a little thing like that, and frequently he turns his horse's head around and whistles a merry tune as he strikes away for the next customer. What a jolly life these drivers lead?

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

The poor farm committee met at the Board of Commissioners' rooms yesterday and audited the regular monthly bills.

The congregation of the St. Paul's German Evangelical church will give a concert and ball at Westwood's hall this evening.

Two disorderlies are on the police docket for a hearing to-day, Joseph Cannon and Cas. Aaron, arrested by Officer Cruce.

The sub-committee of the Health, Gas and Water Board will meet the representatives of the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia, this evening to confer with them with a view to a compromise.

While a large safe was being placed in position yesterday afternoon in the new City Bank building it toppled over and, Mr. Frank Scharff in getting out of the way sprained his ankle. He will be laid up for several weeks.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Lee H. Vance, of Clarksburg is at the McLure House.

Samuel Woods, of Clarksburg, is at the St. Charles.

Miss Eliza Mills entertained her scholars at her home last evening.

Mr. J. T. Mansfield is the guest of his brother, Mr. Frank Mansfield.

George Zulauf is here from Findlay, Ohio, on a visit to his parents.

David Snyder and wife, of Weston, were at the Stamm House yesterday.

W. R. Bowers, the clerk at McCollough's pharmacy, is down with the grip.

Matthew McNamara and Will Sonderman have returned from a visit to Canal Dover, Ohio.

Walter Worls leaves to-day for Baltimore, where he goes to enter the six-day bicycle race.

The families of Prof. Stevenson, Judge Boyd and Henry Jones entertained their friends last evening.

Miss Sara Sweeney gave a reception last night in honor of her friend, Miss Brownlee, of Washington, Pa.

Cards are out announcing the marriage, on January 7, of Charles Gardner to Miss Maggie McEntee, and of George Weltzel to Miss Alice McEntee.

Richard Henry Lee, a former resident of Wheeling, superintendent of the Logan iron works at Lewistown, Pa., died suddenly in that city yesterday.

R. C. Tucker, of Parkersburg, J. H. Moore, of Fairmont, G. L. McMullen, of Huntington, M. G. McCaslin, of Littleton, were at the Behler yesterday.

Geo. C. Staley and several other members of the "Royal Pass" company were at the Windsor yesterday. A part of the company put up at the Behler.

J. B. Hempstone, of Mannington, I. C. Pipes, of Cameron, D. Franklin, of Hundred, Frank McInasters, of Board Tree, are the West Virginians at the St. Charles.

Sheriff E. Kyle, of Cabell county, accompanied by Deputies Grooms, Byron and Gillingham stopped at the Behler last night on their way home from Moundsville, where they left a couple of prisoners.

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE.

Hon. Wm. M. O. Dawson Chosen Secretary, Vice Hon. G. W. Atkinson, Resigned.

Yesterday a meeting of the Republican state executive committee was held to accept the resignation of Hon. G. W. Atkinson, the efficient secretary. Hon. William M. O. Dawson, of Preston, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy.

At the urgent solicitation of the committee and the new secretary, Mr. Atkinson consented to serve as assistant secretary. Mr. Dawson entered at once upon his duties. There is reason to believe that this selection will give great satisfaction to West Virginia Republicans. As the editor of the Preston County Journal, as statesman and as an active Republican Mr. Dawson has had experience in practical political work. In whatever he undertakes his characteristic industry counts. He knows the state, the party and the people and should prove a worthy successor to Mr. Atkinson.

The Royal Pass.

This comedy drama was presented at the Opera House last evening with all the thrilling mechanical effects advertised, and the large audience present was delighted with the performance. The racing engines was a feature of the play, but its merit did not depend upon such adventitious aids to commend it to the favor of the enthusiastic audience.

At the Grand Opera House.

Lester and Williams begin a three nights' engagement to-morrow evening, with matinees on New Year's and Saturday. They will present to the patrons of the Grand the mirth provoking piece of "Mo and Jack." Seats are on sale at Genther's store, Main street.

Printers' Strike Collapses.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The leaders of the striking printers in this city and at Leipzig have intimated to the masters that the men are willing to resume work unconditionally.

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ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE.

A News Agent Comes to Wheeling to Prosecute and Return, Minus \$10.

Frank Allen, the news boy, who was arrested Monday afternoon on the telegraphic request of Union News Agent R. McElliott, of Huntington, got off easy last night, and McElliott himself came out of the little end. Allen was kept in the lockup Monday night, and as McElliott did not show up was released. His pursuer arrived on the noon train, and swore out a warrant, charging Allen with the theft of a suit of clothes. The boy was rearrested and taken before Squire Gillespie. At the hearing it turned out that Allen had bought two suits of clothes from his boarding mistress in Huntington, agreeing to pay \$3.75 for them. He lost his job as news agent on the train, and came to Wheeling, wearing one suit and leaving the other and a coat and vest of his own at the boarding house.

As soon as Squire Gillespie heard the testimony, he dismissed the case, of course, and made McElliott pay the costs. Mac didn't like it, and went back home disappointed, the costs and police fees and other expenses amounting to \$10.50. Allen says he came on to Wheeling to see his brother, who was spending a couple of days here, and says he intends to pay the lady for the clothes.

NEW YEAR'S ATTRACTION.

At the Opera House—Conried's Company in "Poor Jonathan."

The next attraction at the Opera House, and the only one that will be here for the rest of the week at this house will be Conried's Opera Company on New Year's afternoon and evening. This company is well and favorably known here, and is sure to have the most liberal patronage of the musically inclined people of the city.

A cast of nearly fifty people will be seen in "Poor Jonathan," including Miss Rita Selby, who was heard last season in the leading female role of "The Gypsy Baron"; the well-known comedian, A. W. F. MacCollin; J. Aldrich Libbey, the principal baritone of Spencer's "Little Tycoon" Company one year ago; Miss Fannie D. Hall, the favorite prima donna soubrette; George M. Herbert, an amusing comedian; Frank W. Miller, the tenor, and a carefully selected company, including the Misses Louise Hilliard, Elise Remington, Ada Walker, Kate Trayer and Arthur Earle, E. J. Weigle and Travette Maffet. This company carries its own orchestra, under the direction of Mr. L. F. Gottschalk.

The sale of reserved seats for the two performances will commence at C. A. House's music store, opposite the Opera House, this morning.

Riding the Goat.

The Elks had a busy time last night working nine new members into the harness. Those who felt the horns of the time honored goat were R. C. O'Neil, Thomas Feurry, William Deplaine, A. C. Brannum, C. H. Kaufman, A. D. Garden, A. H. Weidebusch, James Manton, H. B. Lukens.

M. A. Blain, alderman, Fifth ward, Scranton, Pa., stated November 9, '83: He had used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for sprains, burns, cuts, bruises and rheumatism. Cured every time. DAW

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NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats, The River Interests.

The river was falling last night, with 15 feet 6 inches in the channel. It was raining all day yesterday at Pittsburgh, and a big rise in the river is expected.

The reports from above were:

Warren—1 foot; light rain; mild.

Brownsville—8 feet 9 inches and falling; rainy and cool.

Morgantown—6 feet 6 inches and falling; rainy and mild.

The Henry DeBus passed down yesterday with three barges of steel rails.

Yesterday afternoon the Hudson left here for Pittsburgh at 3 p. m., loaded to the guards.

The steamer Bedford passed up for Pittsburgh yesterday at 8 a. m.—The Keystone State passed down for Cincinnati from Pittsburgh at the same hour.

The Courier was the Parkersburg packet, and got away at 11:30 a. m.

The Lizzie Bay will leave for Charleston at 5 a. m., to-day.—The Batchelor will pass up for Pittsburgh at 8 a. m.—The Ben Hur is the Parkersburg packet, and will get away from the landing at 11:30 a. m.

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